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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY

February 2, 1967

Mr. Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

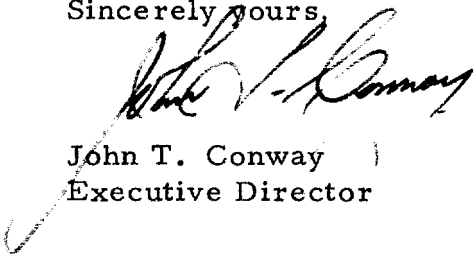
Dear Mr. Helms:

During an executive session of the Joint Committee on February 1, 1967, concerning the nuclear capability of the Chinese Communists, the matter of the amount of funds that the Chinese Communists allocate to their nuclear program was discussed. In this connection, it would be appreciated if you would provide the Joint Committee with a statement giving the percentage of the Chinese Communists Gross National Product (GNP) which is being allocated for their nuclear weapons capability.

If detailed information is available to CIA, this estimate should be broken down into (1) dollar amounts allocated for the various segments of the nuclear portion of the delivery system, and (2) amounts devoted to the delivery capability such as missiles, aircraft, and other means of delivering a nuclear warhead. The total amount should be given as the percent of the Chinese Communists GNP being devoted to the development and operation of their nuclear weapons program and delivery capability for calendar years 1964 to date.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


John T. Conway
Executive Director

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